

## FAMILY HISTORY

James Carlile was born Jan. 31 1829 in Mission England to Robert and Christiana Spencer Carlile. James with his family joined the church in England in 1848 and migrated to America, crossing the ocean in a wooden ship, and landing at New Orleans Dec. 24 1849. It took six weeks to make the trip. In 1852 they crossed the plains in Captain Jolly's Company. He drove an ox team across the plains. They settled temporarily in Palmyra, Utah, one mile south of Spanish Fork. The mother Christiana Carlile was blind for several years before her death. James Carlile married Emily Ann Giles, daughter of William and Sarah Huskinson Giles Oct 31 1857.

Emily Ann Giles was born June 6 1837 in Sterling Nottinghamshire, Eng. "Aunt Emma" as she was affectionately called and also to distinguish her from another Emily, was of noble character - sincere, sympathetic and always ready to assist those in sickness or in distress. She was very active in assisting stricken families during the diphtheria scourge of 1878-1882. She was also an active worker in the Relief Society and served as a teacher. Being necessary to provide their own entertainment, "Aunt Emma" was one of the actors in the home dramatics. She took the leading part in many fine performances. She was a good cook and housekeeper, she cooked for many banquet and wedding dinners in the community. Although her life span was short she lived it fully.

She died of pneumonia at the age of 57. This sturdy couple suffered the trials and hardships along with the other pioneers of their day.

On April 20 1859, over 100 yrs. ago James and Emily Ann in a group of ten families trekked up the Provo Canyon and found this lovely Heber valley in which to settle. As Uncle Jimmie's oxen were the strongest,

he was appointed to take the lead. The first night after leaving Provo these pioneers encountered a snowslide in the Canyon at the south fork of the Provo river, this was a large slide and it was impossible for them to get over it that night so they camped at the slide. The

The next morning they took their wagons apart and carried each part along with their belongings over the slide, put the wagons back together again and proceeded on their way. As they were crossing the Provo river "Uncle Jimmie" crossed first, his team being the strongest. When a lighter team started to cross, the rushing water started to take it down stream. Uncle Jimmie rushed his team back and caught the smaller team and pulled the team, wagon and family across in safety. James Carlile was a successful farmer in the Heber valley and a devoted member to his LDS church. After the death of his first wife he married a widow, Eliza Durnell, who had one son George by a previous marriage. She was a very kind, understanding woman and was loved by all who knew her. After her death Dec. 6 1901, he married Rachel Noser, in his later life James was doorkeeper (as they were called in those days) for many years at the second ward chapel or Old Hall as it was called and every Sunday night after he had locked the doors, put out the coal oil lights etc. one could see him with his lantern hanging around. He was very faithful in all his duties. In their later lives, his wife Rachel went to live with some people in Lehi Utah. He lived for a year with his son James William and his wife Sarah Elizabeth Buys Carlile, then he went to live with his daughter Jane and her husband George Barzee, he died Sep. 9 1917, at the age of 88 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  yrs. He was the oldest man in Heber at the time of his death. He was buried in the Heber cemetery. Their children were Sarah Ann, Evelena, James William, Emily Jane, Charles Robert, and a little girl Mary Elizabeth who died at the age of 4 of diphtheria.